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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A punch, comprising:  
a cutting component that is configured to a shape;  
a cutting component housing that houses the cutting component, the cutting component extending beyond the cutting component housing; and  
a handle component extending from the cutting component housing for positioning the punch.
2. (Original) The punch of Claim 1, wherein the cutting component is a die configured to a shape.
3. (Original) The punch of Claim 2, wherein the die is made from steel rule.
4. (Original) The punch of Claim 3, wherein the steel rule has a first end and a second end; and the first end and the second end are aligned.
5. (Original) The punch of Claim 4, wherein the steel rule first end and second end are secured.
6. (Original) The punch of Claim 5, wherein the steel rule first end and second end are secured by welding.
7. (Original) The punch of Claim 1, wherein the cutting component housing includes an enlarged area.
8. (Original) The punch of Claim 7, wherein the enlarged area generally encircles the cutting component.
9. (Original) The punch of Claim 7, wherein the enlarged area encircles the cutting component.
10. (Original) The punch of Claim 7, wherein the enlarged area is located adjacent to the cutting component.

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11. (Original) The punch of Claim 7, wherein the cutting component includes a plurality of enlarged areas.

12. (Original) The punch of Claim 1, wherein the handle component includes a grip.

13. (Original) The punch of Claim 12, wherein the grip comprises a material that absorbs shock.

14-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A punch assembly, comprising:  
a handle end and an opposite punch holding end;  
the punch holding end holding a punch die which extends beyond a cutting side of the punch holding end; and

the handle end includes a sleeve with the thickness of the sleeve being approximately equal to one-half of the distance that the punch die extends from the cutting side of the punch holding end.

22. (Original) The punch assembly of Claim 21, wherein the punch assembly includes indicia identifying the cutting side of the punch assembly.

23. (Original) The punch assembly of Claim 21, wherein the punch die is made of steel rule.

24. (Original) A punch assembly, comprising:  
a cutting component that is configured to a shape;  
a cutting component housing that houses the cutting component, the cutting component extending beyond the cutting component housing;  
a handle component extending from the cutting component housing for positioning the punch; and  
a cutting pad adapted to be positioned so that the cutting pad is adjacent to the cutting component when in use.